Per capita availability of rice and kerosene oil

†827. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of rice and kerosene oil in the States as on date;

(b) whether the said availability is at par with the national average;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the per capita availability of rice and kerosene oil in other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) As per the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 509 on Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05, the monthly per capita consumption of rice and kerosene oil is given in the Statement (*See* below).

The reasons for variance in consumption in the States/UTs *vis-a-vis* national consumption level can be attributed to factors such as changes in income, tastes and preferences, relative price of food items, preferred mode of cooking, etc.

Statement

Monthly per capita quantity of consumption of rice and kerosene by States/UTs

Sl. No.	State	Rice (kg)		Kerosene (litre)	
		Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.951	9.424	0.46	0.465
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13.304	10.92	0.541	0.41
3	Assam	12.209	10.389	0.763	0.625
4	Bihar	6.871	5.926	0.686	0.58
5	Chhattisgarh	12.56	8.736	0.502	0.428
6	Delhi	2.418	2.257	0.186	0.429
7	Goa	6.549	5.207	0.653	0.62
8	Gujarat	1.81	1.921	1.116	0.649
9	Haryana	0.674	1.158	0.346	0.227
10	Himachal Pradesh	4.075	4.109	0.246	0.853
11	Jammu & Kashmir	9.305	8.464	0.387	0.562
12	Jharkhand	9.452	6.059	0.689	0.482
13	Karnataka	5.128	5.442	0.597	0.769
14	Kerala	8.417	7.524	0.508	0.372

1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Madhya Pradesh	2.278	2.043	0.551	0.395
16	Maharashtra	2.853	2.867	0.684	0.824
17	Manipur	15.56	15.157	0.454	0.453
18	Meghalaya	10.929	9.619	0.405	0.609
19	Mizoram	12.992	11.666	0.585	0.236
20	Nagaland	12.051	11.752	0.211	0.199
21	Orissa	12.799	10.546	0.531	0.515
22	Punjab	0.755	1.023	0.247	0.361
23	Rajasthan	0.174	0.523	0.526	0.315
24	Sikkim	10.201	8.611	0.601	0.826
25	Tamil Nadu	10.136	8.575	0.73	1.007
26	Tripura	11.705	11.185	0.587	0.551
27	Uttarakhand	4.991	4.387	0.621	0.432
28	Uttar Pradesh	4.013	2.704	0.604	0.465
29	West Bengal	11.599	7.441	0.755	0.958
30	A & N Islands	9.107	7.444	1.413	1.509
31	Chandigarh	2.228	1.673	2.261	0.611
32	D & N Haveli	4.986	4.288	0.653	0.325
33	Daman & Diu	1.66	1.433	1.288	0.379
34	Lakshadweep	9.36	9.007	1.04	0.779
35	Puducherry	10.046	8.661	1.173	0.753
	ALL INDIA	6.376	4.711	0.619	0.618

SOURCE: The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Procurement of wheat and rice

828. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to procure wheat and rice much beyond the requirement for public distribution system with a view to sell the same in open market, so as to keep the prices of foodgrains under check and curb inflation to prevent hoarding;

(b) if so, the amount of wheat and rice procured this year so far; and

(c) the steps, so far, taken to implement the same?